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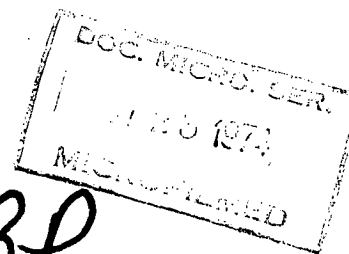
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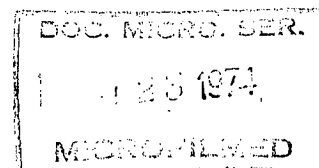
Subject: ⁶MARY SCHNEIDER, Also Known As
Mrs. Leon Minster,
Bessie Cohen (Kahan)
ESPIONAGE - RUSSIA



Reference is made to our letter dated January 17, 1974, and to your memorandum of January 9, 1974, your CIOL-00003-74.

In addition to the questions set out in our referenced letter which can be directed to the subject, a further review has been made and the following additional areas of inquiry which may be explored with her during the interview are suggested.

(1) What is the extent of her knowledge of the real function of her husband's business in Shanghai, China, and his association with Joseph Walden and George Alexander Kennedy. Also, does she know the reason why her husband bought several Leica cameras and film in Shanghai, and did her husband do his own photography work while in China.



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(2) What is the extent of her knowledge of her husband's radio operations in the United States before he went to China. What knowledge does she have of the amateur radio station W2ANO which her husband operated in Brooklyn, New York. Does she have any knowledge of Joseph Braman who reportedly was friendly with her husband and who had a radio transmitter by which he communicated with Minster and other radio operators. Does she have any knowledge of Frank Kantor of the Bronx, New York, who operated a radio station there in the period of 1931 - 1933.

(3) Does she have any knowledge of either Communist Party activities or espionage activities on the part of her husband in the United States. Does she know whether her husband ever used the names Charlie, Harry, or other aliases in the United States.

(4) Does she have any knowledge of her husband's association with any of the following individuals:

John Loomis Sherman
Alexandro Petrovich Ulanovski
Valentine Markin
Alfred Tilton
Adolph Rabinowitz
Lydia Stahl
Adolph Arnold Rubens
Ruth Marie Rubens
Jacob Golos
Harold Ware
Mikhail Gorin
Jessica Smith (Mrs. Harold Ware)
Sam Carp
Ivan Boyev
Harry Rubin
Hannah Pickering
Helene Wolf
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(5) Does she have any knowledge of Max Clausen who reportedly attended a radio school in Moscow and lived in Khimki, a suburb of Moscow, next door to an American Jew named Charlie who had been a wireless operator for a Shanghai espionage group in 1934.

(6) What did Leon Minster do after his arrival in Russia, and did he ever leave Russia to reside in Germany in 1939, and if so what did he do while in Germany.

(7) What knowledge does she have of the activities of any of her husband's relatives, particularly Harry and Robert Minster, and does she know if any of his relatives were connected with Soviet intelligence.

(8) What knowledge does she have concerning the employment of her husband during the seven years she lived with him in the New York City area, and where did the money come from which was used to pay for the trip she and her husband made to Europe in 1929.

(9) Why did her husband change his name to Schneider upon his return to Russia. How and when did she become aware that her husband was working for the Soviets and that his radio shop in China was a cover company.

(10) What knowledge does she have of Harry Minster, brother of her husband, and the firm he was associated with which was known as Russian Reconstruction Farms, Incorporated.

We would be interested in receiving the results of any interrogation which you conduct with the subject.

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